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MARCH MILK PRODUCTION INCREASED

New York dairy herds produced 1,104 million pounds of milk during March. Milk cows were unchanged but production per cow was up from the previous year resulting in a 3.1 percent increase in milk production compared to March 2010. The number of milk cows averaged 610,000 head, unchanged from March of the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1,810 pounds, up 55 pounds from the March 2010 rate.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$21.30 per hundredweight of milk sold during March, up \$1.70 from February and \$5.20 more than March a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2010. February revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2010. The February revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,872 pounds for March, 24 pounds above March 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.42 million head, 93,000 head more than March 2010, and 17,000 head more than February 2011.

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